GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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REGIONAL PASSPORTS OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Passport Offices and Passport Application Collection Centres in the country, State-wise, and location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a new Regional Passport Office at Coimbatore;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons, therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) There are 28 Passport Offices and 16 Passport Application Collection Centres in the country.Their location State-wise is as under :

State	RPOs/POs	Collection Centres
Andhra Pradesh	PO Hyderabad	Tirupati
	PO Visakhapatnam	Vijaywada
Assam	RPO Guwahati	
Bihar	PO Patna	Dharbanga
		Ranchi
Chandigarh	RPO Chandigarh	
Delhi	RPO Delhi	
Goa	PO Panaji	
Gujarat	RPO Ahmedabad	Surat
Himachal Pradesh	NIL	Shimla
J&K	PO Jammu	
	PO Srinagar	

Karnataka	PO Bangalore	Mangalore
Kerala	RPO Cochin	
	PO Kozhikode	
	PO Trivandrum	
Maharashtra	RPO Mumbai	Aurangabad
	PO Nagpur	
	PO Pune	
	PO Thane	
Manipur	NIL	Imphal
Madhya Pradesh	PO Bhopal	
Meghalaya	NIL	Shilong
Mizoram	NIL	Aizwal
Nagaland	NIL	Kohima
Orissa	PO Bhubneshwar	
Punjab	PO Jalandhar	Amritsar
Rajasthan	RPO Jaipur	
Sikkim	NIL	Gangtok
Tamil Nadu	RPO Chennai	Madurai
	PO Trichirapalli	
Tripura	NIL	Agartala
Uttar Pradesh	PO Lucknow	
	PO Bareilly	
	PO Ghaziabad	
West Bengal	RPO Calcutta	

b) There is no proposal at present to set up a new Regional Passport Office at Coimbatore;

c) Does not arise.

d) The average number of applications received per annum during the last three years from Coimbatore and adjoining areas was 23074. The opening of a new passport office is governed by certain criteria such as the location of existing offices, volume of applications from a particular region and the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Parliament ofthe Ministry of External

Affairs that there should be at least 50,000 applications per annum from an area where a new passport office is to be opened. In view of this, opening a passport office at Coimbatore is not being considered, at present.